

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--July 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Publishable wordage for the month was 1,183,550, nearly 50,000 words more than the bureau's all-time monthly production figure set last January. This was the third month in a row that output surpassed a million words, and the fifth time this year. PRC provincial media was especially productive, with much reporting on provincial government and party meetings and leader speeches and reports preparatory to the upcoming national party conference in September. AFP wordage surpassed 158,000, by far the highest figure since the bureau assumed AFP coverage late last year. Despite poor reception and processing difficulties, the Philippine government radio MBS contributed more than usual to the bureau's output on that country. Several lengthy speeches by Marcos on national security matters, heavy comment on the U.S. military bases issue, and exhaustive reportage on the highly-publicized U.S. investments by leading Filipinos kept the bureau's wordage on the Philippines at a high level.

2. Reduced broadcasting power by MBS, which we have suspected since last spring, was confirmed during the month. An MBS official told our Tagalog monitor that financial difficulties had forced the broadcasting system to close down some of their transmitters and reduce the power of others. It appeared, from his comments, that there was little likelihood of a change for the better. The bureau presently can monitor MBS on only one shortwave frequency, and it is poor to unmonitorable part of the day. The Manila press reported early in the month that Radio Veritas might also have to cease operations soon due to lack of funds.

STAT 3. As reported last month, the new overseas edition of RENMIN RIBAO started publication on 1 July. As this new paper is being printed in Hong Kong, the bureau receives it on day of publication. As expected, however, it is no substitute for the real RENMIN RIBAO, which is no longer available to us on day of publication. We are now receiving the domestic edition via air mail from Beijing on average 3-4 days after publication. Occasionally it gets to us within 2 days. The overseas edition tends to carry abbreviated articles with more illustrations, advertisements, and maps. Some major commentaries do appear in this edition, but usually not in textual form.

4. With difficult, sometimes impossible, reception of Wellington radio during the summer months, the bureau arranged to get a subscription to the Wellington EVENING NEWS. The paper started arriving late in the month, averaging 4-5 days lag. Though a few days old, several items had been filed by month's end, including a statement by the defense minister on the resumption of military cooperation with the U.S.

## B. Lateral Services

A RENMIN RIBAO Overseas Edition piece on the Secretary of State's early July visit to Hong Kong prompted a personal inquiry from Consul General Burt Levin. The Consul General asked to be informed of how the regular RENMIN RIBAO handled the same story. Levin was given the results of the comparison as soon as the regular paper became available.

## C. Technical

1. Hong Kong Telephone has advised that preliminary work to arrange for installation of the cable for our Mt. Butler-St. John's Building microwave backup circuit is underway. We have been asked to have all cable protective conduits installed at both Mt. Butler and our office by the 1st of November. The telephone company has said they are now hoping to have the cable to Mt. Butler in place by that date. The contract for purchasing the terminal equipment has been let.

2. On the recommendation of C/FEB/ED, we have contacted the local Extel office and asked for their advice on a recurring problem we are having with our new Comscribe printers. The periodic printing of incorrect characters, or failure to print certain characters, has been traced to an EEPROM. Clearing the EEPROM corrects the problem, but only for the time being. All but one of the printers has experienced this problem. Local Extel rep Peter Taluc visited the bureau on 31 July to discuss the problem and examine the printers. He admitted that they were having the same problem with a printer in Beijing and that they did not know yet what to do to correct it.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Personnel

1. A Foreign National promotion ceremony was held in the bureau chief's office on 25 July. The following employees received the good news: To FBN-10, [redacted] to FBN-9, [redacted] and [redacted] to FBN-8, [redacted] to FBN-7, technician [redacted] and to FBN-6, teletypist [redacted]. Their promotions will be effective 4 August.

2. Bureau part-time secretary [redacted] ended her employment on 12 July, several weeks before she and her husband depart Hong Kong PCS. New secretary [redacted] has been working half days, splitting her duties between this and her old job at the Consulate. On 5 August she will transfer completely to FBIS.

3. Providing no advance notice, teletypist [redacted] informed the bureau chief via a letter from England, where she was on leave,

STAT that she would not be returning to work. Coming on top of the  
 STAT resignation of [ ] the bureau is now down two teletypists.  
 STAT Two replacements have been selected and local security and medical  
 checks are underway. Associate editor [ ] has also announced  
 his intention to resign at the end of August. [ ] will return to  
 Canada to continue graduate studies.

4. Consul General Levin has authorized the bureau to increase its Foreign National T/O by two positions: another teletypist and an admin assistant. A proposal on the two positions will be submitted to Headquarters shortly.

#### B. Buildings & Grounds

A routine 2-day security inspection of the bureau was carried out by an OS officer on 15-16 July. A report on his findings was cabled to the bureau, Headquarters and OS. Efforts are underway to complete one of his two main recommendations: installing armor core doors on our two fire escape stairway exits.

### III. VISITS

STAT A. Editor [ ] spent a 1-day TDY at the bureau on 8  
 STAT July en route to his new assignment in Bangkok.

STAT B. Okinawa Bureau regional engineer [ ] was here 9-13  
 STAT July for one of his periodic inspections of the bureau's technical facilities.

STAT C. OS officer [ ] 15-16 July.

STAT D. Extel representative [ ] on 31 July.

STAT E. [ ] on 2 August. Official talks were held at one  
 STAT of Hong Kong's best French restaurants. After 3 hours of [ ]  
 bemoaning the expensive luncheon tabs and financial hardships that  
 await him in Washington, the bureau chief took pity and paid the  
 entire bill. *Now, this is a story!*

### IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

STAT The bureau "volunteered" one of its staff officers to assist the  
 STAT Consulate during the Secretary of State's 6-7 July stopover here.  
 [ ] served an 8-hour stint as one of the duty officers  
 assigned to deliver messages back and forth between the Consulate and  
 nearby Hilton Hotel where the secretary's party was staying. She so  
 enjoyed the midnight shift that she has offered to take a lateral to  
 London.

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 Bureau Chief

Attachment: Monthly Production Report

cc: Original and 3 - Hqs  
 1 - C/Bangkok, C/Okinawa, C/Seoul

## HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1183550
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	109480
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1683

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
5215	10140	278

## II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	6900
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	300
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	15700
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	13920
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7000
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11150
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3830
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	19130
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9270
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	17350
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	17670
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8780
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9580
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5230
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9760
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10590
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	8980
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	36380

BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	5260
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING BEIJING REVIEW IN ENGLISH	1550
BEIJING BEIJING WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	29070
BEIJING CHINA DAILY (GANSU SUPPLEMENT) IN ENGLISH	1500
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	4090
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	24070
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	2070
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	107210
BEIJING HUANQIU CHINESE	0
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN WENYI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	18410
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	22220
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	64210
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	34050
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	75770
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	43310
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	13850
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	11520
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	960
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	6300
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	2310
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	340
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	1440
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	3750
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	2200
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	2500
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	780
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	16630
SHENYANG LILUN YU SHIJIAN IN CHINESE	4910
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	31440
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	1550
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	7140
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	6690

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN ENGLISH	760
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LTD IN ENGLISH	190
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	420
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1140

HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH	158220
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH	1330
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE	8280
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE	4860
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH	4410
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH	8200
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD (BUSINESS STANDARD SUPPLEMENT) IN ENGLISH	3900
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE	7890
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE	2470
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE	3300
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE	9690
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	15360
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST (BUSINESS NEWS SUPPLEMENT) IN ENGLISH	20900
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE	10180
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH	3680
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE	13310
NEW ZEALAND	
WELLINGTON OVERSEAS SERVICE IN ENGLISH	420
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH	1070
PHILIPPINES	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	12540
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN TAGALOG	1570
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN TAGALOG	1550
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN TAGALOG	360
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN ENGLISH	25320

MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN ENGLISH	12520
MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH	48250
MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	3610
MANILA PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	8440
MANILA PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN ENGLISH	6240
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH	8430
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO TIMES IN ENGLISH	600
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH	10580
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	4940